

April 25, 2001

Exemption No. 4317H  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2001-9096

Mr. Ronald J. Welding  
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Dear Mr. Welding:

This is in response to your February 26, 2001, letter petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA) for an extension of Exemption No. 4317, as amended. That exemption from § 121.485(b) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits ATA-member airlines and other similarly situated part 121 air carriers to conduct flights of less than 12 hours' duration with an airplane having a flightcrew of three or more pilots and an additional flight crewmember without requiring the rest period following that flight to be twice the hours flown since the last rest period at each flight crewmember's home base.

In your petition, you indicate that the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety, presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted, remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to ATA-member airlines and other similarly situated part 121 air carriers.

Please note the FAA has assigned a new docket number to this project (Docket No. FAA-2001-9096; previously Docket No. 24446). In an effort to allow the public to participate in tracking the FAA's rulemaking activities, we have transitioned to the Department of Transportation's Internet-accessible Docket Management System (DMS), located at <http://dms.dot.gov>. This new docket system enables interested persons to submit, view, and download requests to the DMS in accordance with 14 CFR § 11.63. Future requests should be submitted through the DMS.

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The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 4317, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption.

In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator, Exemption No. 4317, as amended, is hereby further amended by extending its April 30, 2001, termination date to April 30, 2003, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 4317, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 4317.

Sincerely,

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Director, Flight Standards Service

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